Police Still Lack Rules On Questioning Suspects

The new guidelines that the Justice Department has set for Washington's Police Department to use in questioning suspects are not yet official police policy.

United States Attorney David Acheson said that the reason for the delay in establishing an official three-hour questioning period of suspects was that Poilce Chief John B. Layton felt that the Justice Department's outline of the new procedure was not specific enough.

Acheson is therefore helping Chief Layton draft an order outlining exactly what policemen can and cannot do under the new procedures.

The new order will be sent to the police force when completed, Acheson said.